

Claims: Revised claims are stated below**Revised Claims – clean text**

1. A basketball training device for use in returning to the shooter a basketball which has been shot into a basketball goal, the basketball goal having a rim, a rim support, and a net descending from the rim, comprising: a plurality of roller bearings sandwiched between an inner bearing being rigid having an inner diameter and an outer diameter and an outer bearing being rigid having an inner diameter and an outer diameter;
said inner bearing is attached to said basketball goal,
whereby said outer bearing can freely rotate with respect to said basketball goal;
attached to said outer bearing is an item selected from the following group:
a facsimile goal being rigid and having an inner diameter and outer diameter,
whereby chute devices can be attached to said facsimile goal whereby said basketball passes through said basketball goal, said inner bearing, said outer bearing and said chute device to be returned to the court at an angle determined by the rotation of said outer bearing,
and a chute having an interior through which the basketball is channeled away from the basketball goal at whatever direction said outer bearing is rotated to;
whereby balls can be returned to any area of the court.
2. In accordance with claim 1 further that said basketball training device can be attached to and removed from said rim by use of a long rigid shepherd's crook having a looping end to loop over said rim and a tip after said looping end to engage said hook whereby a ladder is not required for either installation or removal.
3. In accordance with claim 1 further that said chute can be attached to and removed from said outer bearing by means of said shepherd's crook, said chute having a plurality of ends near which are features onto which said shepherd's crooks can engage, whereby a ladder is not required for installation and removal of said chute.

4. In accordance with claim 1 further that there are a plurality of hooks made of a strong but springy material attached to said inner bearing by which said device can be attached to any basketball goal whereby it is difficult for said plurality of hooks to be removed from the basketball goal by a basketball hitting said device while still allowing the said shepherd's crook to install or remove said hooks, said hooks having a loop portion to curve around said rim and having a portion descending below said rim and having a portion which passes closely to the opposite side of said hook whereby said hooks will not easily be dislodged from said rim and having a portion which flairs away from said opposite side whereby said hooks may be more easily mounted on said rim.

5. In accordance with claim 1 further that said plurality of hooks fold by a means allowing one part of said hook to rotate with respect to the other part of said hook, allowing the device to be substantially smaller with said hooks folded whereby the device can be more easily transported and stored.

6. In accordance with claim 1 further that said chute is foldable one portion is removable from another portion, each said portion has elements that can rotate allowing said chute to be substantially smaller whereby said chute can be more easily transported and stored.

7. In accordance with claim 1 further that passage of the ball through said basketball goal is restricted by one of the items selected from the following group said bearing, said plurality of roller bearings, said facsimile hoop, said plurality of hooks, and said chute whereby said ball will less easily pass through said basketball goal.

8. In accordance with claim 1 further that said device does not rest on the floor of the basketball court whereby said device does not impede the area of play.

9. In accordance to claim 1 further that said plurality of roller bearings includes an item selected from the following group a plurality of ball bearings, and a plurality of cylinder bearings whereby smooth rotation between said inner bearing and said outer bearing is enabled.

10. In accordance with claim 1 further that the said inner bearing is attached to said basketball goal's support so that it does not interfere with the top surface of the top of said basketball goal whereby said ball striking the said top of said basketball goal will behave as said ball normally do despite the fact that said device is attached.

11. In combination, for use in returning to the shooter a basketball which has been shot into a basketball goal, having a rim, a rim support, and a net descending from the rim, a device comprising an item selected from the following group:

a facsimile of a rim being enough of an approximation of said rim to allow chute devices designed to attach to said rim to also attach to said facsimile rim and whereby said chute devices can channel said basketball away from said basketball goal,

and

a chute having an interior surface for channeling said basketball away from said goal

said item is connected to an outer bearing member circular in shape with an outer diameter and an inner diameter; held between said outer bearing member and an inner bearing member, circular in shape with an outer diameter and an inner diameter, there is a plurality of roller bearings

whereby said outer bearing can rotate freely with respect to said inner bearing, whereby said item can be re-directed to return said ball to one area of the court or another,

attached to said inner bearing is an item selected from the following group: said rim support,

whereby said basketballs striking said rim are not deflected by said device, and a plurality of hooks being of a shape to pass over said rim and stay in place despite repeatedly being struck by said basketball
whereby said device can be attached to said basketball goal and not rest on the ground

12. In accordance with claim 11 further that said device can be attached to and removed from a basketball goal by use of said plurality of hooks and a shepherd's crook being long enough to reach said basketball goal and having a looping end to loop over said rim and a tip after said looping end to engage said hooks to allow said hooks to be installed and removed, whereby a ladder is not required for installation or removal.

13. In accordance with claim 12 further that said hooks are made of a strong but springy material
and said hooks have a loop portion to curve up and over said rim
and a portion descending below said rim
and a portion which passes closely to the opposite side of said hook
whereby said hooks will not easily be dislodged from said rim
and have a portion which flairs away from said opposite side
whereby said hooks may be more easily mounted on said rim.

14. In accordance with claim 11 further that said plurality of hooks fold such that the angle between one side of said hook and the other side of said hook change allowing the device to be substantially smaller while folded whereby the device can be more easily transported and stored.

15. In accordance with claim 11 further that said chute can be attached to and removed from said outer bearing by means of said shepherd's crook said chute having a plurality of ends near which are features onto which said shepherd's crooks can engage, whereby a ladder is not required to install or remove said chute.

16. In accordance with claim 11 further that said chute is foldable, one portion able to rotate relative to another portion allowing said chute to be substantially smaller when not in use then whereby said chute can be more easily transported and stored.

17. In accordance with claim 11 further that passage of said ball through said basketball goal is restricted by one of the items selected from the following group said inner bearing, said outer bearing, said plurality of roller bearings, said facsimile hoop, said plurality of hooks, and said foldable chute whereby making shots is more difficult.

18. In accordance with claim 11 further that said device does not rest on the floor of the basketball court whereby said device does not impede the area of play.